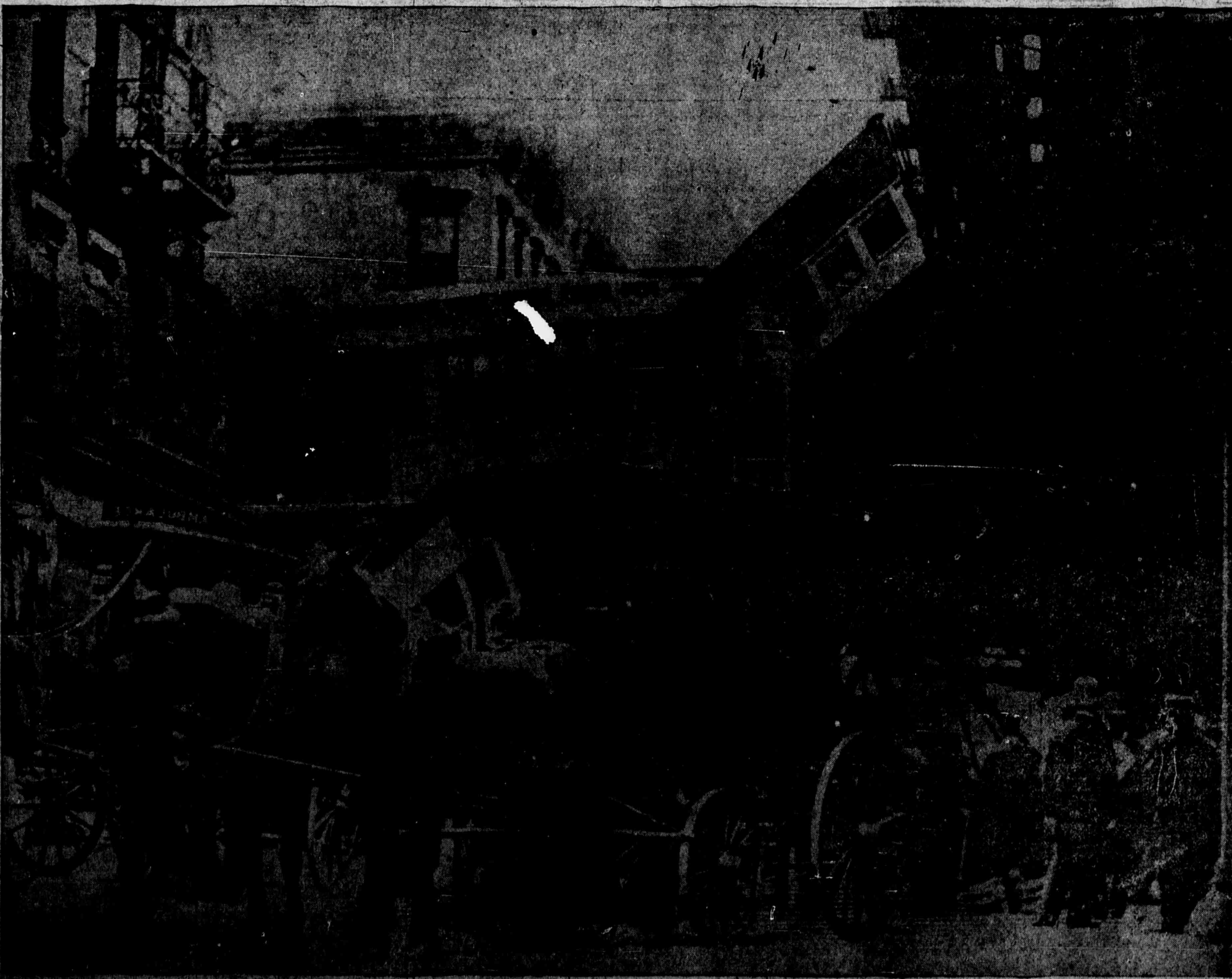


"L" CAR FALLS TO THE STREET 12 DEAD

8 MAY DIE; FORTY BADLY HURT

THE "L" CAR WHICH PLUNGED TO STREET AND ONE SUSPENDED FROM TRACKS

(Photographed Especially for The Evening World by Staff Artist Curtis.)



Ignoring Signal Motorman on Ninth Avenue Dashes Full Speed Into Switch at Fifty-third Street Curve, Hurling Train from Tracks—Heavy Trucks Crush the Helpless Victims Pinned in Tangled Debris of Fallen Car—Motorman Said to Have Fled to St. Louis.

Twelve persons are dead, eight are dying and fifty are seriously injured as the result of the second car of a Ninth avenue elevated railroad train falling from the structure to the sidewalk, just after the train had hit an open switch at full speed at Ninth avenue and Fifty-third street, shortly after 7 o'clock this morning.

The motorman of the train, Paul Kelly, is held responsible for the accident by both the police and the officials of the Interborough Company. His train, a Ninth avenue local, left the station at Fifty-ninth street at exactly 7:04 o'clock. At Fifty-fifth street the switchman, Cornelius K. Jackson, set a green and yellow signal, which indicates that the switch is set for a Sixth avenue train to take the Fifty-third street curve. Kelly is said to have borrowed a hat and coat from a friend and started for St. Louis.

SIGNAL WAS IGNORED.

Jackson says he set the signal for a Sixth avenue train, because Kelly's train, although a Ninth avenue local, had Sixth avenue signals on it. Whether he is in error about this has not yet been established.

It is a fact, however, that the signals should have brought Kelly to a standstill. Instead he put on full speed, expecting to go straight down Ninth avenue, but shot into Fifty-third street on the flat curve. The motor car went ahead all right, but the second car wrenched itself free and, dragging the other four cars with it, jumped the tracks and went across to the east side of Ninth avenue, where it fell to the street below.

The third car got half way off the structure and dropped its forward trucks on top of the car that had fallen. It did not itself go over, however.

The rear car swung around, tearing up yards of track and timber, but did not leave the structure.

MOTORMAN FLEES FROM CROWD.

Kelly was so roughly handled by the crowd after the accident that he got frightened and ran away. He has not yet been caught, but Vice-President Bryn, of the Interborough, says he will produce him.

Jackson, who was first blamed for the accident, because of a story that he had reset the switch while the train was going over it, was arrested by Policeman Glennon at his home, No. 311 West Twenty-second street, where he went after the accident. He made a statement to the police that he set the signal for a Sixth avenue train, and that Kelly ignored it.

A reporter who was in the motor car close to Kelly when he hit the curve told the police to-day that several men, evidently former employees of the Interborough, had been taunting Kelly on the way downtown, calling him a scab, and that when he ran by the signal one of them yelled at him.

"What do you mean running by that signal? Don't you see it's set."

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CHICAGO AT CINCINNATI (N. L.)—FIRST GAME.	
CHICAGO	0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0
CINCINNATI	0 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 1
Second game—End 4th: Chicago, 12; Cincinnati, 0.	
CLEVELAND AT ST. LOUIS (A. L.)—FIRST GAME.	
CLEVELAND	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1
ST. LOUIS	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0
Second game—End seventh: Cleveland, 0; St. Louis, 1.	
AT BOSTON (A. L.) SECOND GAME—CALLED.	
WASHINGTON	4 6 1 1 1 0 1 1
BOSTON	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

LATE WINNERS AT FORT ENE.
First—John Garner 3-1. Jungle Imp 4-5 place. Marmie 4-6.
Sixth—Steel Trap 5-1. Lumberjacks 1-1 place. Darkie 2-1.

THE DEAD.

JOHN J. TOWLER, 44, of No. 44 West One Hundred and Thirty-third street, lost his left arm and dying from shock and loss of blood.
ORRILL, BARBARA, of No. 648 East One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, breast internal injuries.
Unidentified man, thirty-five years old; fractured skull and internal injuries; Bellevue Hospital.

MORTALLY HURT

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